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Students from Oxford & Cherwell Valley College, Banbury, from left, Emily Idziazek, Rupert Lloyd, Chris Gorman, Harry Joyner, Peter Harvey, Cherise Campbell-Sullivan, Oliver Shore, Harry Parman and Megan Gambrell are promoting a blood donation day at the college tomorrow in memory of student Liam Treacy, 18, from Bicester, who was killed in a road accident last year.

Afghanistan veteran has post-traumatic stress disorder

EX-SOLDIER SPARED JAIL

AN EX-SOLDIER who served in Iraq and Afghanistan has been spared jail over a violent attack after a judge heard of his struggles with an anxiety disorder.

Stuart Taylor was given a 12-month suspended prison sentence for the attack which broke a friend's jaw in two places.

Taylor, from Waltham Gardens, Banbury, admitted causing grievous bodily harm to Wayne Brown, who now has a permanent metal plate in his jaw.

He had known his victim for six years and his barrister said there was "no other explanation" for his actions apart from anxiety disorder post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

The 30-year-old is a former soldier who served two tours of duty in Iraq and one in Afghanistan.

Terrance Woods, defending, said his client was based in Germany but left the Army after he was refused a further deployment in Afghanistan.

The barrister said he was diagnosed with

By Joe Nimmo

PTSD five months before he attacked Mr Brown, but had probably been suffering from it for much longer.

Mr Woods said Taylor became violent at a gathering in Red House Road, Bodicote, on August 17, after a woman alleged he had pinched her bottom.

He said: "He felt that he was wrongly accused and became angrier and angrier.

"Realising that a situation was developing, he thought the best thing to do was leave."

But Mr Woods said he suffered a "loss of self control" and punched Mr Brown in the face, as well as damaging a van parked in the house's drive.

He said that after a "difficult upbringing", Taylor joined the Army aged 19.

He said: "On his tours he saw active combat and it is undoubtedly the case that, layered on top of what happened in his early life, that is what led him to be violent.

"There is absolutely no other explanation for his behaviour. He was among friends and he erupted incredibly after he felt wrongly accused.

"He is now doing as much as he possibly can to address and alleviate that condition."

Mr Woods said Taylor was now receiving

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InBRIEF

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■ **N OXON:** Banbury Amateur Radio Society is to celebrate 100 years of wireless communication with a special event.

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The branch is to represent the Radio Society of Great Britain, founded as the London Wireless Club in 1913.

The club is more than 40 years old and has more than 30 members aged 12 and up.

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Two rebailed over burglary

■ **BANBURY:** Two men arrested after a homeowner was threatened with what was thought to be a knife during a burglary have been rebailed.

The men, aged 31 and 32, from Banbury, were arrested on suspicion of aggravated burglary.

They have been rebailed until June 18.

The incident is alleged to have taken place at about 10.20pm on March 25 in Middleton Road, Banbury.

The 49-year-old victim was not hurt.

Clean sweep for Labour in Banbury elections

Conservatives lose majority



Surinder Dhesi wins Banbury Hardwick for Labour and Co-Operative

Oxfordshire County Council on Friday after dropping 14 seats.

Labour, Liberal Democrat, Green Party and independent members have the 32 seats required for a majority administration.

But Labour, which took 15 seats, has refused to either form an administration with the Tories or a coalition with the others.

This means Tory leader Ian Hudspeth – re-elected group leader on Friday – is set to lead a minority administration or look at a coalition with Lib Dems and four independents.

He said: "I'm having ongoing discussions with my colleagues and other members of the council.

"But the most important thing is making sure we get a stable administration in place so we can deliver the things the people of Oxfordshire care about. At present I'm not ruling anything in or out."

An administration will be formed by the next full council meeting next Tuesday, said Mr Hudspeth, leader since last April.

Lib Dem spokesman Neil Fawcett said: "We are open to working with any party provided it brings stability to the running of the council, and if it helps us to achieve our promises.

"We are not ruling anything out and are happy to talk with all other members before a decision is made."

Labour took an extra eight seats while the Lib Dems took an extra three to bring it up to 11 councillors. Boundary changes cut total councillors from 74 to 63.

Group leader Liz Brighthouse said meetings were held with Conservatives on Saturday.

But she said: "We can argue for our manifesto commitments from the official opposition benches."

The Green Party – which held its two seats – backed a "rainbow" coalition, but has refused to work with Tories.

Leader David Williams said: "We know that it is possible to overturn at least some of the damaging cuts to services."

A significant share of the vote for UKIP, including 28 per cent in Banbury Hardwick – helped account for the Tories' problems.

Meanwhile, Tories in West Oxfordshire and Cherwell district council elections retained their seats.

The Conservatives held Carterton South and Witney East in West Oxfordshire and Hook Norton in Cherwell.

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Graham Antrobus	LIBD	120
Katherine Chobler	GRE	115

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Keith Strangwood	CON	560
Gordon Watt	UKIP	491
David Chanter	GRE	91
Janice Johnson	LIBD	80

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Arash Fatemian	CON	1,451
Alan Harris	UKIP	576
Mary Franklin	GRE	456
Sue Christie	LAB	442
Ian Thomas	LIBD	205

Grimsbury & Castle

Mike Beal	LAB	853
Ann Bonner	CON	634
Linda Wren	UKIP	345
John Haywood	GRE	86
Kenneth Ashworth	LIBD	56

Hardwick

Surinder Dhesi	LAB	700
Nicholas Turner	CON	586
John Brown	UKIP	561
Anthony Burns	LIBD	85
Robert Paynter	GRE	77

Kidlington South

Maurice Billington	CON	1,191
Sara Corr	UKIP	434
David James	LAB	359
Joe Claxton	LIBD	281
Ian Middleton	GRE	213

Kirtlington & Kidlington North

Anthony Gearing	CON	873
Paul Clifton	UKIP	550
Doug Williamson	LIBD	518
Trevor Blake	LAB	482
Glyn Sparkes	GRE	176

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Graham Newell	GRE	152

Ploughley

Catherine Fulljames	CON	1,024
Sebastian Fairweather	UKIP	507
Jenny Tambllyn	GRE	182
Sean Woodcock	LAB	175
John Innes	LIBD	115

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By Mark Taylor

POST-ELECTION discussions on the future of Oxfordshire County Council resumed this week.

Conservative, Labour and Liberal Democrat leaders met after Tory councillors lost their majority hold on the 63-seat council on Friday.

Conservative leader Ian Hudspeth said talks would mostly be about the day-to-day running of the council, but might also involve coalition discussions.

His party got 31 seats, one short of a majority. Labour took 15 seats, including all four in Banbury.

Lib Dem bosses, who took 11 seats, have said they are open to coalition discussions. The Green Party got two seats and independents took four.

The Tories are set to stay in the driving seat at County Hall after Labour refused to form an administration.

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■ **Iron Man 3** baddie Sir Ben Kingsley at event for young amputee

Movie villain turns into a hero for charity showing



Above, Robert Downey Jr in *Iron Man 3*; right, Sir Ben Kingsley; top right, Daisy Pashley



By Joe Nimmo

MOVIE star Sir Ben Kingsley was due to be the guest of honour at a Witney cinema on Tuesday to help a girl who lost her arms and legs to meningitis.

The *Ghandi* actor, who plays villain the Mandarin in the film, was due to introduce a special screening of new movie *Iron Man 3* at Cineworld to help raise funds for Daisy Pashley, of Chipping Norton. Daisy – who lost both arms and legs aged seven – hopes to become a paralympian, and her family is raising cash for adaptations.

Cineworld Witney operations manager Steve Wright said Disney and Marvel – which produced the superhero flick – made a “sizable” donation.

It was hoped the event will also raise awareness about the cause, for which donations are welcomed at daisyp.webs.com

Mr Wright said: “It’s probably the biggest thing to happen in Cineworld Witney since it opened. “It’s such a fantastic cause.”

InBRIEF

Theft from elderly lady

■ **BANBURY:** An elderly woman was the victim of a distraction theft in a shopping area car park.

The woman was parked near the shops in Ferristown, Banbury, when she was approached by a woman asking for direction.

She then placed a large map over the dashboard, covering the passenger seat.

As the victim helped out, another unknown woman opened the car door and stole a black handbag containing credit cards, £210, and a photograph of her late husband.

The thieves are described as Asian and in their early 20s. They wore dark coloured clothing and red scarves.

The theft happened at 12.05pm on Wednesday, April 17. Call police on 101.

Burglars take valuables

■ **ENSTONE:** Thieves stole an iMac computer, a BlackBerry, a handbag and a wallet during a burglary.

Burglars broke into a house on Lidstone Road by forcing a downstairs window between midnight and 4am on Monday, April 29.

The victims were in the house at the time of the burglary.

Call police on 101.

Ex-soldier broke friend's jaw in row

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treatment for his condition at RAF Brize Norton.

Judge Ian Pringle said it didn't matter whether or not the allegation that had been made against Taylor was true.

He said: “Your reaction to that was completely disproportionate and you became seriously violent and punched Wayne

Brown in the face.

“You broke his jaw in two places. I hope you never forget that.

“But I have read a lot about you, particularly about your upbringing and about the service you gave to Her Majesty's Armed Forces.

“And I am glad to see you are now addressing the problems which that caused

you.”

Taylor also confessed to criminal damage after he punched the side of a van during the same outburst, causing £1,200 of damage.

He sentenced Taylor to 12 months in prison, suspended for two years, with 120 hours of unpaid work and a restorative justice programme.

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Did you see a robber throw his trousers away?

TWO robbers threatened Co-op staff in Banbury with a knife before fleeing with cash – and then one of them threw away his trousers.

Thames Valley Police last week released CCTV images of potential witnesses to the raid, *right*.

Officers said the robbery happened between 9.48pm and 9.57pm on April 18.

The CCTV shows four members of the public who were on the railway bridge in Bridge Street, Banbury, after the attack.

Officers believe they may have

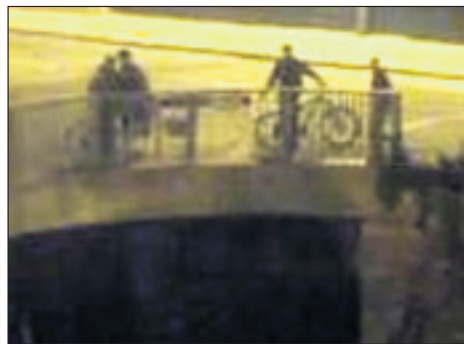
seen one of the robbers discarding his trousers before running off semi-naked.

Anyone with information should call DC Samantha Bonner on 101.

Paul Williams, 44, of Gatteridge Street, Banbury, has been charged with robbery and possession of a firearm and is due to appear at Oxford Magistrates' Court.

A 19-year-old man, of no fixed address, also been arrested on suspicion of robbery and possession of a firearm.

He has been released on police bail until June 26.



InBRIEF

Post office's strike closure

■ **BANBURY:** The town centre post office closed on Tuesday as part of a national strike.

The post office in High Street shut over a dispute between employers and the CWU union.

It is to protest against plans to franchise or close 76 out of 373 'Crown' offices by April 2015.

Parishes may get bigger

■ **N OXON:** Views are being sought on plans to enlarge some parish councils.

The plans would include an increase of one councillor in Adderbury and Bloxham, to leave 12 members.

Bicester Town Council would have 20 instead of 15 members.

Banbury Town Council would cover a larger area, including plans for more than 1,000 homes off Oxford Road.

Bodicote Parish Council – which covers the area and has raised concerns over Bankside – objected to the boundary proposal.

To respond visit tinyurl.com/cjkvc6b or for more information call 01327 322043.

Successful start for electrical recycling

A NEW recycling scheme for small electrical goods has collected 10 tonnes of items in its first month.

Cherwell District Council launched a doorstep collection service for broken or unwanted electrical items.

Households have been given a pink carrier bag for the electrical items, which can be left on top of wheelie bins on collection day.

Any electrical item that can fit

By Sam McGregor

in the bag, such as hairdryers, toasters, radios and kitchen appliances, can be recycled.

Special cages have been fitted to dustcarts for the pink bags.

During March, households sent 10,000kg of goods – the equivalent to 5,000 toasters or 9,000 hairdryers

Nigel Morris, Cherwell's lead

member for clean and green, said: "It is great that in such a short space of time we have recycled so many items. It goes to show how popular this scheme is and how successful it has been since it was introduced."

"As a council we regularly promote the benefits of recycling but we understand it is not always possible for people to visit our 'bring banks'."

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whereby people can recycle even more items from home it makes the process a lot more customer friendly, and as a result, even more environmentally friendly."

Previously residents could only recycle small electrical items through bring banks.

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InBRIEF**House prices take a fall**

■ **OXON:** House prices fell by 0.8 per cent last month, latest official statistics have revealed.

Data from the Government's Land Registry shows the average price of a property in the county now stands at £242,035, compared to £243,985 in February.

Prices are now at their lowest since last July, although they have increased by 1.7 per cent since March last year when they stood at £237,882.

Nationally, the average price of a home in March was £161,793, a rise of 0.1 per cent on the previous month.

Art work to go on show

■ **BANBURY:** Art students from Oxford & Cherwell Valley College will stage an exhibition of their work at gallery Forge 2, in Culworth, from May 15-June 29.

Among the pieces will be jewellery made from broken china and glass and silk clothing.

Help collect Mind money

■ **N OXON:** Volunteers are needed to help with a street collection for Oxfordshire Mind.

The next collection is on Saturday, May 18, in Banbury. Those who can spare a few hours should contact Nicky Clargo by emailing nicky.clargo@oxfordshire-mind.org.uk or calling 01865 263733.

■ Good news for shopping centre as spaces filled and jobs created

Castle Quay to get three new retailers



Castle Quay manager Paul Jackson outside the Banbury shopping centre

THREE new retailers are opening at Castle Quay shopping centre in Banbury this month.

Furnishing store Linens Direct and sofa firm British Chair opened last week, creating 13 jobs.

And eyebrow threading firm Extreme Brow Bar will create at least 13 jobs when it opens later this month.

By Oliver Evans

Linens Direct head of retail Jared Carroll said: "We identified a gap in the market here and Castle Quay was the ideal location for us. Likewise, we are pleased to have created 10 new jobs for local people."

British Chair will create three jobs. Owner Mike Lord said: "We are familiar with the

Banbury area and are confident that we will benefit from Castle Quay's central location and excellent footfall, as well as a skilled and educated workforce."

Extreme Brow Bar is now recruiting.

Castle Quay manager Paul Jackson said: "This is a great opportunity for Banbury, bringing more jobs and further investment to the area, as well as greater choice for our shoppers."

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■ Proposals drawn up to make sure county has enough firefighters

Fire stations facing a radical shake-up

By Fran Bardsley

RADICAL changes to the way Oxfordshire's fire stations are manned are being considered to address concerns about a shortage of cover.

Eighteen of Oxfordshire's fire stations, including Banbury, Hook Norton, Chipping Norton and Deddington, are manned by on-call firefighters – formerly known as retained firefighters.

While numbers have remained relatively static over the last seven years, fire chiefs said it had become increasingly difficult to cover the hours needed as the economic climate makes businesses more reluctant to release people during working hours.

Brigade secretary for the Oxfordshire Fire Brigade Union Steve Allen said the proposals were at an early stage and needed to be looked at in more detail before any decision was made to implement them in the county.

He said: "I am very supportive of any move to improve fire cover for the communities we serve, and it's my job to ensure these things are thought through properly at every level and we check and balance any idea in the embryonic stage.

"There are concerns the FBU has about this sort of move – some counties have gone down this route and started to back-track."

A range of measures are being investigated to make sure there are no gaps in coverage – and to make it more attractive for employers to agree to staff taking on the extra responsibility.

They include allowing businesses which have staff in the service to have a letterhead saying they support their local fire station, creating a payment scale based on availability, so the more hours people could be on call, the more pay they would receive, and paying on-call firefight-



Left, brigade secretary for the county Fire Brigade Union Steve Allen; right, area manager for operations Nigel Wilson



ers to work core hours at a particular station.

This would be a significant change to the way in which on-call firefighters are normally paid, and is being considered as a possible way to give people who do not have another job a pro-rata salary.

On-call firefighters currently receive an annual stipend of about £1,494, plus additional fees for drill nights, call-outs and extra duties which amount to between £150 and £300 a month.

Another option being investigated is "more flexible use" of full-time and on-call staff, changing crew patterns so there could be full-time firefighters based at stations currently run entirely by on-call staff.

Nigel Wilson, area manager for operations, said: "Our overall numbers may be steady but it's getting the balance between the numbers and the coverage we need.

"We fully appreciate we can't strip out businesses on a regular basis to make sure the fire engine can get out the door – we have to work with local companies."

For the last seven years, between 34 and 45 people have left the service each year, leaving the total number as of January 2013 at 348.

There are 243 full-time firefighters.

An action plan is being drawn up and will go to Oxfordshire County Council's safer and stronger communities scrutiny committee.

The fire service is looking to increase numbers to 375 by July 2013, with 17 on-call firefighters currently in training and a two further selection days planned to recruit additional staff.

Banbury has 15 on-call firefighters, in line to meet its target for July of 15. Hook Norton, with nine, is also on course.

But Chipping Norton, which has 18, needs another one by July, and Deddington, on 12, is two short of its July target.

Historically, retained firefighters stayed with the service for about 20 years – now that number has dropped to seven. The service hopes to raise it back up to 10.

It takes 18 to 24 months and about £30,000 to train a firefighter.

InBRIEF

Dental award for roadshow

■ **OXON:** Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust has won the best national smile month event gong at this year's Dental Awards.

The trust's oral health promotion team organised roadshows, including one in Banbury, to offer oral health advice.

Health improvement manager Heather Duignan said: "We are delighted to have won this year's award for best national smile month event."

The trust won the award at the Lancaster London Hotel.

Volunteers are sought

■ **BANBURY:** Home-Start Banbury is looking for volunteers to support families with children under five in their own homes.

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A Royal Charter for independent self-regulation of the press

Dear Party Leaders

Forgive us for saying so, but there is a problem. Six weeks ago, over a 2am takeaway pizza, a secret meeting of politicians and Hacked Off lobbyists put together a Royal Charter for state-directed regulation of the press. It's been condemned by commentators all around the world, from The New York Times to Russia Today – The Economist called it 'a shameful hash'. It's not what Lord Justice Leveson called for, which is 'voluntary independent self-regulation'. Not a single newspaper or magazine, national or local, has said they will sign up. And now you are going to have to ask the Queen to give it her blessing...

We have a solution. It's an Independent Royal Charter, the product of months of careful thought by editors, publishers, ministers, civil servants and some of the country's leading lawyers. A Royal Charter that will guarantee the British public enjoys the quality of journalism it deserves. A Royal Charter that will deliver what Leveson called for. A Royal Charter that will ensure Britain remains not just the birthplace, but the home of free speech. Here's what it offers:

- **Tough sanctions.** The new press regulator will have the power to impose fines of up to £1million for systematic wrongdoing.
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- **Genuine independence.** All the bodies that make up the new regulator will have a majority of independent members and an independent chair, chosen by a transparent and open process.
- **No cost to the public.** All the cost of the new system of regulation will be carried by the newspaper and magazine industry. There will be no charge for dealing with complaints about breaches of the Editors' Code of Practice.
- **The support of the newspaper and magazine industry.** The vast majority of local, regional and national newspapers and magazines will sign up to the new Independent Royal Charter.
- **Free speech guaranteed.** Britain has enjoyed a free press for 300 years. The deal between politicians and Hacked Off threatens to end that. The Independent Royal Charter is underpinned by a clause which makes it impossible for politicians to interfere with it.

Prime Minister, you said state regulation of the press was 'crossing the Rubicon'. You insisted the rules agreed voluntarily between ministers and editors were 'set in stone'. You quoted Winston Churchill: 'A free press is the unsleeping guardian of every other right that free men prize.' The Independent Royal Charter will allow you to deliver those promises – and guarantee that freedom.

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Offering space – either old or new

A FIVE-bedroom village house which has been in the same family since 1928 would make “the perfect renovation project”, according to agents.

Grade-II listed Cumberford House in Bloxham is set in half an acre, offering scope for extension.

Priced at £750,000, it also comes with a number of outbuildings which could be converted into extra living space.

Dating back to the 17th century, the property has open fireplaces, exposed beams, window seats, shutters and a wine cellar.

Nick Rudge, of Savills' branch in Banbury, said: “Cumberford House has the potential to make a

By Gill Oliver

comfortable and spacious family home.

“With its pretty exterior and enviable village location, the property offers the perfect project and is priced to reflect this,” added Mr Rudge.

Meanwhile, for those who prefer something more contemporary, a five-bedroom house in Deddington is offered at £625,000.

‘Ithaca’ is within walking distance of the village centre and has an open-plan interior.

It includes a lounge, dining area and kitchen/breakfast room with double doors to the rear garden.

The master bedroom and en suite wet room, plus a guest bedroom, which is also en suite, are both on the ground floor.

There are three more double bedrooms and a family bathroom upstairs.

The gardens include a double garage, outdoor swimming pool, patio and lawn.

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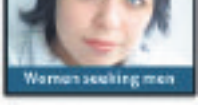
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Leatherat's lead singer Pete Bailey, who is looking forward to this weekend's Bloxfest show

Eclectic mix for festival-goers

BLOXHAM'S annual music festival promises to be bigger and better this year, and has added an extra day to prove it.

Self-professed purveyors of high-octane folk rock Leatherat will be headlining one of the four stages on Saturday, and it is very much their home turf.

Bloxfest celebrates the beautiful village of Bloxham, which is close to the heart of the band. Fiddle player Jono Watts was born and raised in the village and charismatic frontman Pete Bailey has been in

By Marc Evans

residence for nearly a decade.

Pete said: "We've supported Bloxfest from its inception and we relish the opportunity to play for the locals here as many of them are our close friends and family."

"There's such a great buzz in the village over the whole weekend it's impossible not to enjoy yourself. There's definitely a focus on great music and some superb bands are performing."

The event kicks off tomorrow

with an acoustic set from punk veteran Edward Tudor-Pole, founder of the band Tenpole Tudor and former host of *The Crystal Maze*.

As well as music on Saturday, there will be activities for all the family. Organisers expect around 3,000 to enjoy the shows.

■ The Bloxham May Festival begins tomorrow at the Elephant & Castle, from 7.30pm, with Edward Tudor-Pole. Tickets cost £5. It continues on Saturday, with music at a host of venues throughout the village. Admission is free. For more details go to www.bloxfest.org.uk

The Bloxfest Saturday line-up

■ RED LION STAGE

Leatherat 9pm
FolkLaw 8pm
Big Balloosh 7pm
Bushfield Smith 6pm
The Shapes 5pm
The BreakfastMen 4pm
Lecarla 3pm
Just nuisance 2pm
Nijinkxy 1pm
Indigo Child noon
Bloxham Primary School 11am
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Banbury didge Club 4.20pm
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Next Hot Thing 2.20pm
Delta Flood 1.20pm
Oxford Fiddle Group 12.20pm
Guys guitars 11.20pm
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Transmission 9.40pm
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Holly Perkins Band 6.40pm
Barney Newman 5.40pm

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Damien Black 3.40pm
Chameleon 2.40pm
The Jeep Band 1.40pm
Warriner School 12.40pm
Unison Rock Academy 11.30am
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The Tindalls 12.40-1.20pm
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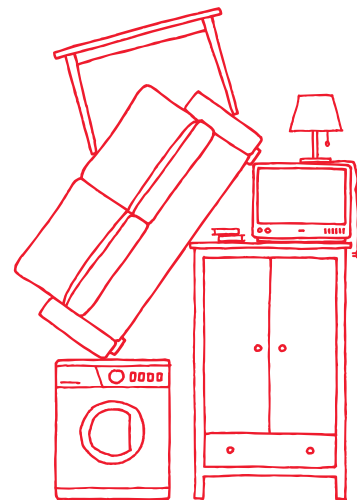
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Mish-mash crime thriller fails to engage audience

DEADFALL (15, 95 minutes)
Thriller/Action/Romance. Eric Bana, Olivia Wilde, Charlie Hunnam, Kris Kristofferson, Sissy Spacek, Kate Mara, Treat Williams. Director: Stefan Ruzowitzky.

SET largely during a blizzard along the Michigan-Canadian border, *Deadfall* sends a chill of disappointment down the spine.

Austrian director Stefan Ruzowitzky, who won an Oscar for his 2007 film *The Counterfeiters*, abandons the subtleties of that picture for the clichés and contrivance of this disjointed crime thriller, penned by first-time screenwriter Zach Dean.

The script is a mess, ricocheting between four narrative threads that only come together in the film's violent closing act.

That haphazard structure prevents Ruzowitzky from building up any dramatic momentum or forging strong emotional ties between us and the characters.

He thaws our interest slightly with a couple of well-orchestrated action sequences that make excellent use of the icy conditions.

A car crash opens the film with a crash and a bang, and a subsequent snowmobile chase between two cops and a robber across undulating terrain has a satisfyingly grisly and bloody resolution.

Addison (Eric Bana), his sister Liza (Olivia Wilde) and an accomplice pull off a casino heist and speed away along treacherous, snow-laden roads, bound for the Canadian border.

The getaway car swerves to avoid a deer and ends up on its roof.

Stefan Ruzowitzky's *Deadfall* is a disappointment



Addison and Liza stumble out of the wreckage with the loot, determined to evade the cops by hitchhiking separately to the border.

Liza shares a lift with former Olympic boxer Jay Mills (Charlie Hunnam), who has just been released from prison and is heading home for Thanksgiving with his parents Chet (Kris Kristofferson) and June (Sissy Spacek).

Addison takes time out from his flight to freedom to help an abused wife deal with her husband.

Meanwhile, ambitious Sheriff's Deputy Hannah (Kate Mara) tracks the fleeing criminals but she is constantly held back by her father, Sheriff Marshall T Becker (Treat

Williams), who humiliates her in front of the other officers.

Deadfall is a peculiar mish-mash of genres, spiked with graphic violence and gratuitous nudity.

Bana invests his emotionally damaged felon with moribund humour in scenes around the Mills dinner table, and Spacek and Kristofferson are convincing as a married couple who have coped with far worse than gun-toting fugitives in their home.

Dialogue doesn't flow naturally and the shifts in tone between black comedy, romance and suspense are often jarring and Dean's script fails to seamlessly weave together its themes of incest and redemption.

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Theatre

The Theatre, Spring Street, Chipping Norton: May 8-9, *Moby Dick.* Herman Melville's masterpiece captured on stage by

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Events

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CAPTAIN FANTASTIC: Luke Ryan, seen bowling at Bedfordshire's Martin Weightman earlier in the day, was the hero in Oxfordshire's one-wicket win

Ryan's the hero for his club and county

Skipper and all-rounder from Banbury enjoying early season cricket success

BANBURY'S Luke Ryan steered Oxfordshire to a nerve-jangling one-wicket victory over Bedfordshire at Bicester & North Oxford on Sunday.

Oxon's captain hit the winning runs with two balls to spare as his side stumbled over the finish line in this Group 1 clash.

Having also won their opener against Devon by the same margin, Ryan is certainly proving a lucky skipper.

The hosts were cruising on 161-1 at the drinks interval in reply to Bedfordshire's 262-6, but then made extremely hard work of what should have been a routine task.

Bedfordshire's spinners found far more control and potency than their

seamers as the visitors came right back into the match.

Bedfordshire opted to bat first, but suffered an early blow when Luke Thomas was caught behind in Daniel Rowe's first over.

Thomas's opening partner, captain Steve Stubbings, had other ideas and went on to top-score with 94 off 119 balls, featuring nine fours and a six.

Stubbings, who put on 115 for the second wicket with Robert Keogh (60), was finally out hit wicket, after playing back to a Ryan delivery.

Andy Reynoldson added an unbeaten 50 as Oxon struggled.

Ryan was the only home bowler to take two wickets, while Richard West had the best economy rate.

Oxon opener Damian Shirazi fell

cheaply in the hosts' reply, but Richard Kaufman and Banbury's Lloyd Sabin set about the chase with gusto.

They raced to 138-1 off 20 overs in style and were 161-1 at drinks.

The interval proved something of a turning point, with Kaufman falling for 68 in the first over after the resumption – albeit to a terrific diving catch from Stubbings.

Sabin followed 10 minutes later for a superb 80.

There was a moment of controversy when Bedfordshire were penalised with a no ball for having too many leg-side fields.

And when Nathan Hawkes and Jamie Perkin fell in quick succession, there was more than a touch of tension creeping in.

It was 185-6 when Cater added to the

collapse, but Oxon rallied with David Smith and West.

However, they shot themselves in the foot again when Smith skied a drive and West ran himself out.

Chad Keegan smashed 27 off just 13 balls, but was out to a soft shot having hit Andy Reynoldson for successive sixes. This left Rowe and Ryan to save the day.

Ryan also shone with bat and ball as Banbury beat Lutterworth by 11 runs in the Kingfisher Cup.

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LIBRA

Sep 23-Oct 22

A three cornered talk at the weekend will explain a misunderstanding. A link with someone who travels a lot helps to give you an idea of where you want to go this year and what you want to do. Just because someone is saying bad things about you, don't feel the need to retaliate or you will no longer look like the bigger person. Ring now to hear what important message Jupiter has for you.

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TAURUS

Apr 20-May 20

Someone you thought was a trusted friend has let you down and although you are disappointed, you don't seem to be altogether surprised. A good week to sort out where you go from here, but a bad week to make decisions you haven't had time to sleep on. Flirtations this weekend get dangerous. Think of repercussions before taking action. Call now to hear how Saturn offers promotion.

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SCORPIO

Oct 23-Nov 21

Trouble and scandal is brewing in the social sector of your chart. Don't be taken in by someone you admire, but try instead to take them off that pedestal and look at them as your equal. You'll soon discover you know far more than them. By trusting in others' opinions this week you could end up losing a great deal of money. Ring me now to hear how a brush with fame is coming your way.

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GEMINI

May 21-Jun 20

You should receive an offer where you can use your artistic talents to aid a good cause. Accept it! News through the post or by email gives cause for a family discussion. This could be a time where not just one, but several people close to you make life changing decisions. Resist the urge to tell tales on other people. Remember what they say about people in glass houses. Ring now for back up.

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SAGITTARIUS

Nov 22-Dec 21

A word in the right ear this week can aid a financial problem. Try to have more faith in your people skills. Too much rushing around will not get results. A slow, sure pace will give others faith in you. Your love life gives you reason to make an important decision. These decisions right now shape the rest of your future so make sure you have a say every step of the way. Call now for a romantic revelation.

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CANCER

Jun 21-Jul 22

Watch your money carefully this week as there are indications of a verbal financial agreement breaking down. A romantic situation will need careful handling when a forgotten incident or drama comes to light again. A small action of kindness towards a family member reaps rewards by Thursday. Ring my starline now to hear whose flirtations are not as serious as you first thought.

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CAPRICORN

Dec 22-Jan 19

Someone seeks both your sympathy and help. Be careful not to let this interfere with your own plans. There is trouble brewing over something you didn't attend or someone you let down. Keep pushing for what you want though. Opposition to your plans is not as strong as you think. In fact you have friends in high places as you'll soon discover. Phone now to utilise Mercury's talking power.

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LEO

Jul 23-Aug 22

Failure to complete a deal or contract puts you in a frustrated mood, which could spark off disagreement in the home. Try to leave work in the workplace and keep the home a relaxing place where you can remember what really matters most to you. You will be in romantic surroundings but don't be as lured into accepting anyone who would be second best or making do. Ring now for insight.

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AQUARIUS

Jan 20-Feb 18

Pressing needs will mean asking favours from a close one. Guard against talking too freely about your private life unless you're willing to have others' opinions pushed upon you. An unexpected visitor brings a surprise guest. Just you wait and see! Over the weekend an unplanned meeting could prove to be embarrassing unless you ride with events. Ring now, I have much more to tell you.

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Aug 23-Sep 22

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Feb 19-Mar 20

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CakeMotoring

Auris adds dash of fun to family hatch

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By David Duffy

THE fact that 'rational' is the eighth word in a press pack running to more than 5,300 words about the new Toyota Auris speaks volumes about this car.

Hard on its heels in the chunky blurb are the holy trinity of family motoring – quality, durability and reliability.

And if we were talking about the old model, these few words would pretty neatly sum up the appeal of the Auris in its entirety. Rock-solid reliable, but a little dull.

The new model has added another element that has never been part of the Auris make-up in the past – emotion. That's clear the moment you see it in the car park. Sleeker looks and a more confident stance instantly create a greater connection with the car.

That appeal to the heart, as well as the head, only grows when you get to drive it. Though the Auris is still clearly designed as a quiet, comfortable spacious family car, there is much more to love about this streamlined, five-door hatchback as a driver's car.

Designed primarily for sales in Europe and built at Toyota's factory in Derbyshire, with its lower roofline it looks the part and on the move it is simply more fun.

With a lower centre of gravity, it

has much improved handling, high-speed stability and ride comfort.

The test model was linked to the continuously variable Multidrive S transmission, giving the choice of a fully-automatic seamless shift mode, or a sequential, stepped seven-speed Sport mode.

Toyota claims almost 50mpg in a day-to-day use from the 1.6-litre engine but I could only nudge close to 40.

From front to back, the car has been improved. Inside, the new, more comfortable seats have a lower hip point, longer travel and greater height adjustment. In the boot, luggage space has been increased.

The instrument layout is clear and simple, but the level of technology packed in is premium grade. The test model, in top-of-the-range Excel trim, wanted for nothing. From twin-setting, heated front seats to a rear colour parking camera, cruise



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The Excel grade seats are finished in black velour with leather bolsters. Standard features on all versions include seven airbags, air conditioning, follow-me-home headlights, hill-start assist control, vehicle stability control and LED daytime running lights.

Like its predecessor, the Auris remains a worthy, willing workhorse.

But do not confuse a rational choice for a dull one.

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Newcarscene

MG unveils new concept in Shanghai

THERE is no longer any doubt about the importance of China in terms of the global market — even the average Joe on the street understands that — but the Chinese impact on the car industry has been more of a slow burner.

In a clever move by the Chinese authorities, any car manufacturer wishing to sell cars in China had to set up a joint venture with a domestic company in order to do so.

The fruits of those tie-ups mean many more European brands on the roads while the home firms get access to better

technology and engineering. So the annual Shanghai Motor Show has increased in importance with each passing year, illustrating the closer links between car companies in the West and the East. But perhaps of most interest back in the UK was the debut of the MG CS concept.

What was left of MG was bought by Chinese firm SAIC, which saw the re-birth of the MG TF and the introduction of the MG6. But the CS is a new product, a small SUV based on the architecture of another new car to come from MG, but

most importantly is the promise it holds for what was once a British success story. Although the concept was shown at Shanghai, MG has confirmed a production version will appear and it will reach UK showrooms, providing a much-needed boost.

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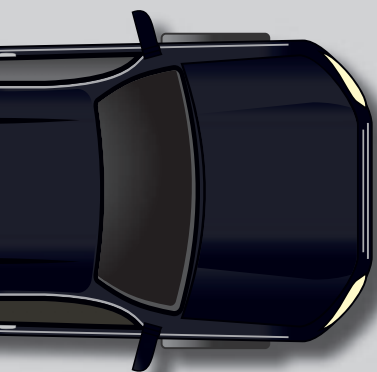
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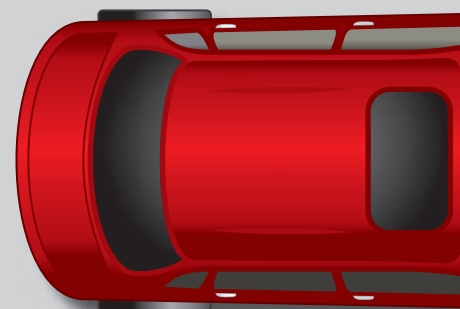
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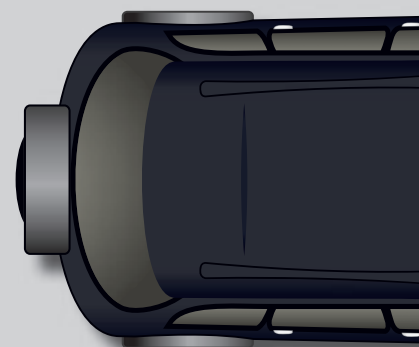
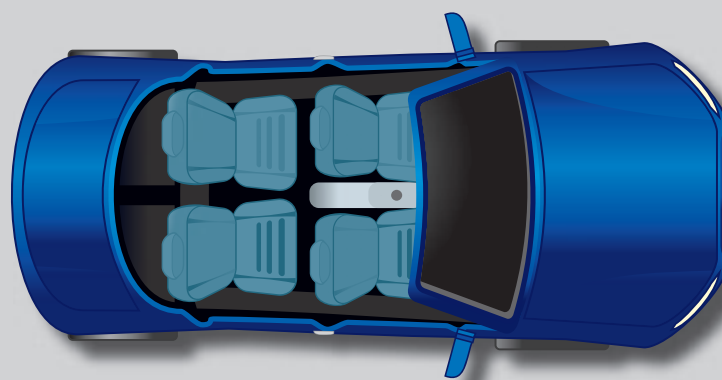
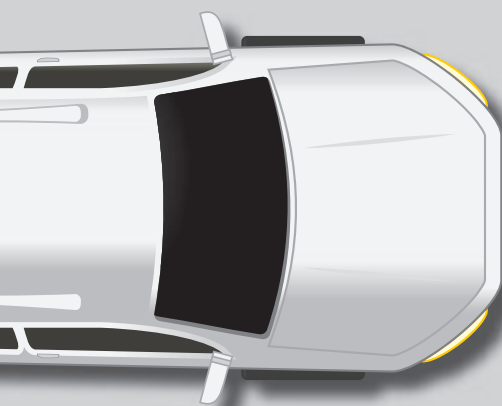
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